Howland Wood- Curatorial

Belden, Bauman L. [ANS Secretary] 1916-1931
Belden, Corrine C. [his daughter] 1931-1937

[Cranford, NJ]

Belden, Bauman L.

[ANS Secretary]

July 1916

Mr. Pauman L. Belden, Director.

The Ely collection of West Indian coins consists of ninety five pieces, mostly silver, selected largely for their rarity and condition. It would be well nigh impossible to duplicate this. The Martinique coins show a series of five sizes with heart shaped holes in them, and also three of the plugs removed from the same; the Guadaloupe series possesses four great rarieties; the piece counterstamped for St. Partholemew is the only one known in silver; the two Vieque pieces are unusual; the Grenada cut piece is possibly unique; the Tobago dollar is very scarce, as is also the ring and the plug of the Virgin islands. Of especial interest are the fine series of pieces for St. Lucia, Tortola, Montserrat and Dominica. The Haitian patterns are very fine and rare, and do not duplicate any of the Society's specimens. In fact the Ely collection would duplicate the Society's cabinet in only three unimportant cases.

The Wood collection, numbering over three hundred and fifty pieces, differs in every instance from either the Society's or the Ely collection, having been picked out so that there would be no duplication. It is strong on the minor issues, such as small silver, counterstamped cayenne sous and copper. It contains an extremely rare Jamaica dollar, and an interesting series of Montserrat and Tobago sous or dogs, and a large number of Danish West Indian Tokens, which, added to what the Society has, would make the series nearly complete. The Haitian and San Domingo series, though containing nothing very remarkable, would round out the Society's collection very considerably. The small silver piece counterstamped for la Cap is extremely rare. The Guadaloupe and Martinique series is of great interest, and with the Ely additions would make our own very valuable. The small silver piece counterstamped for Philipsburg and later for Montserrat is remarkable. The Curacao series is very extensive, though not especially rare. Possibly the most interesting series is that containing eighty odd cuban plantation tokens represented by only three specimens in the Society's cabinet. This series is very seldom met with.

The Society's collection of West Indian coins numbers about two hundred coins, and, outside of the Haitian patterns, has few rarieties. The only Guadeloupe piece represented is rare. Two pieces for St. Martin are worthy of note.

Herewith is submitted a table showing the number of pieces of each island represented in the three collections. If the Society should acquire the Ely collection, I will present my specimens to the Society, thereby making, as far as I know, the strongest collection in existance, numbering in all about six hundred and sixty pieces.

ELY		WOOD	ANS
Martinique	Silver 8	Silver 2	
	Nickel 2	Copper 1	
Guadeloupe	Silver 7	Silver 7	
	Nickel 2	Copper 1	copper 1
Fr Col Gen.	Silver 3	Silver 2	silver 2
		Copper 4	copper 11
Dan. West Indies	Silver 2	Silver & base 21	Silver & base 18
		copper & nickel 21	copper & nickel 30
St Bartholomew	silver 1	base 4	
		Copper 1	
Vierges	Silver 2	Silver 1	
		Copper 4	
Cayenne	base 2		
Tobago	Silver 2	Silver 1	
		base 14	base 2
Jamaica	" 5	Silver 3	silver 5
		copper 4	copper 4
		nickel 13	nickel 10
Trinidad	" 1	base 6	
Granada	" 1		copper 2
Bermuda	Copper 1	al 3	Antigua 1
			1
Bahamas	" 1	1	1
Eng Col & Gen	Silver 1	Silver 7	5
Barbadoes	Copper 3	4	6
St Lucia	Silver 4	Silver 2	
		Copper 1	
Virgin Islands	" 2	base 1	
St Kitts	base 1	" 2	
Tortola	Silver 5	silver 4	silver 1
	base 1	base 2	
Nevis	Silver 1	Silver 2	
		base 2	
Montserat	Silver 4	Silver 2	
		base 5	
Dominica	" 6	Silver 3	1
St Martin	" 1	Silver 1	silver 2
		Copper 1	base 1
Curacao	" 2	Silver 11	silver 4
		nickel 3	nickel 2
San Domingo	" 1	Silver 3	Silver 2
		Copper 19	Copper 12
Haiti	" 7	Silver 22	Silver 24
	Copper 1	copper 28	copper 37
	nickel 1	nickel 5	nickel 1
Cuba	Silver 7	Silver 5	Silver 8
	Copper 4	copper 85	copper 6
Porto Rico	" 1	silver 2	Silver 2
		Copper 1	Copper 3
St Eustatius		Silver 1	
		base 5	base 3
doubtful		silver 7	
		Copper 7	

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC AND ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE BUILDING,

17 WEST 43D STREET, NEW YORK,

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The science of Numismatics treats of coins and medals of the present as well as of the past, and it is important that the facts relating to all medals be recorded at the time the medals are issued, if neglected they are likely to be forgotten, and thus much valuable numismatic history may be lost. The medals last for all time, every medal has a history, and this too should be preserved.

The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society is keeping such a record of American Medals and earnestly desires to obtain information regarding any medal that may be issued in the United States, no matter how insignificant the medal or how meager the information.

The points to be covered in a full account of a medal are:

1. Description—explaining every part of the design, and giving the inscriptions in full and the exact size.

2. State if the medal is pierced for suspension or provided with any attachment for that purpose, and, if so, if any are issued unpierced or without the attachment, and the number so issued.

3. In what metals issued and number struck (or cast) in each.

4. By whom issued, when, and for what purpose.

5. Name of designer and of die cutter.

6. What disposition has been made of the dies.

7. Any facts of interest, historical or otherwise.

The Society is an incorporated body, its collections are permanent, every American coin and medal should be represented in its cabinet and, so, accessible to students of American numismatics and American history now and for all time.

With this end in view it would request the co-operation of all who take any interest in the preservation of historical records.

BAUMAN L. BELDEN,

Recording Secretary.

At a conference held at The American Numismatic Society's building, at 2.30 P. M., December 12th, 1916, the following were present: Judson Brenner, A. N. A., Carl Wurtzbach, A.N.A., Howland Wood, A.N.A., A.N.S., Henry Russell Drowne, A.N.S., Edward T. Newell, A.N.A., A.N.S., and John Reilly, Jr., A.N.A., A.N.S.

After extended examination and discussion of a number of charges and countercharges against members of the American Numismatic Association and The American Numismatic Society, and of numerous improper demands of members of these bodies upon their officers, it was unanimously agreed to recommend for adoption by the Board of Governors of the A.N.A. and the Council of the A.N.S. the following conclusions, that,

Whereas, numerous complaints have been made, from time to time, alleging improper conduct, erroneous classifications and misleading advertising by certain members, and concerning the collection of commercial accounts; and,

Whereas, the continuance of these practices is a detriment to the progress of numismatics and a hinderance to the growth of numismatic and kindred societies, and,

Whereas, the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association and the Council of The American Numismatic Society view the above practices with such grave concern as to merit a conference of both bodies to take such action as may be necessary to meet such occurrences;

Therefore, for the protection and comfort of all our members, we insist that,

(1) Charges against a member for any alleged

criminal offense must be accompanied by the evidence of his conviction in a legal court of competent jurisdiction.

It is beyond our power to sit as such a court;

(2) Charges for improper conduct must be accompanied by complete proofs;

(3) We can not be called upon for the purpose of collecting, or adjusting, any commercial, or private, accounts, nor for the settling of personal disputes, or differences; and,

(4) We strongly discountinance and disapprove of all misleading advertisements, or statements which might deceive, including erroneous classifications, as to rarity, condition, etc.

Approved by the
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December , 1916.

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President.

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Secretary.

Belden, Bauman L.

[Cranford, NJ]

1927-1931

Cranford July 27. 1927

My dear Ward:-

I have intended writing to you for some time, but did not get around to it.

I saw Noe yesterday, he thinks my book will be out in about three weeks.

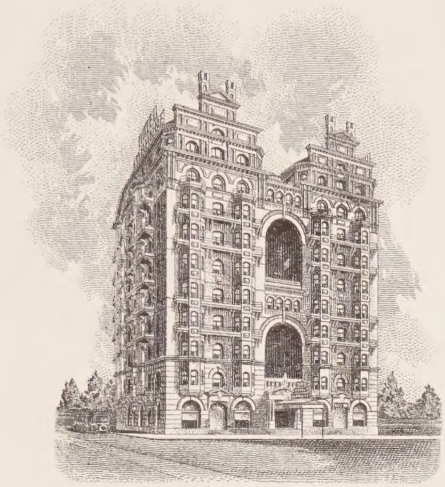
You must have been having a delightful vacation, I suppose it will soon be over. Noe says you will be back next week, if I am in the city any day I will try to run up to see you. Mrs. B. is planning to go to Maine for a couple of weeks in a few days, so I will stay at home as much as possible while she is away.

I have mislaid my fountain pen and am getting along as well as possible without it, so excuse funny writing.

Kind regards to the family, also to Mr. Mrs. and Miss Reilly.

Very sincerely yours

Duncan W. Belter



FRED L. SCHOLL
MANAGER

HOTEL LORRAINE

BROAD STREET AT FAIRMOUNT AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA

1/7/30

My dear Wood:

Here I am, hard at it, I got here yesterday A.M. Have spent two days going over letters from 40 to 50 and have a few left for to morrow. Expect to start 60s to morrow with high hopes.

I do not think I can get over to the Club meeting on Friday evening. Please remember me to Butler. I will be sorry to miss his paper, but can't help it. also remiber me to the rest of the boys. Kind regards to the family

Yours
BLS

Hope to be at the annual meeting

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BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

1/18/30

My dear Wood:

I enclose Baldwin's letter.

Don't forget to photograph the Navy Medal of Honor

Hope to see you Friday.

How is J.R.Jr. Best wishes to the family

Yours

BLB

Jan. 20,1931

Answered re photographing of Milmore medal and J. Reilly.

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

2/2/30

My dear Wood:

If you have a surplus, will you kindly send me a duplicate copy of Monograph no 7. Work of A A Wienman by Noe.

When you are having some photographing done will you photograph the Insull and McCarter medals, 2 small Bronze, for me? ?

Will see you this week.

Kind regards to the family

Yours

— B H S

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TELEPHONE:
AUDUBON 4141

Oct. 16,1930

Mr.Bauman L.Belden

1 Hamilton Avenue

Cranford, N.J.

Dear Mr.Belden:

I am herewith enclosing a letter from Baldwin, together with my reply, concerning a life saving medal. You will not that this date is one year earlier than our specimen.

Sincerely,

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My dear Wood:

I enclose Mr Eidlitz's check for $75.50 which with Mr Ellis's check which I sent you a few day's ago, makes up the $50.00 that we paid for the Pierre Chouteau medal. If you get your paws on a Washington oval medal at any time get the sig. Kind regards to the family. Your letter at hand.

Yours
HLB

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Dec. 15, 1930

My dear Howland,

I understood you to say yesterday that somebody had left us of the oval engraved medals in the Indian Museum.

Having some other things in my mind that hardly penetrated until I thought it over after you had left.

Can we find what he asks for it?

We should not miss any of these if it can be avoided.

I understand that the letters B.R. are on the reverse.

Can you get the date of it?

Yours

B.L.B.

Feb. 16,1931

Mr.Bauman L. Belden

1 Hamilton Ave.

Cranford, N.J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I am enclosing a letter from Baldwin.

In case you contemplate coming in on Friday, I am letting you know in advance that I shall not be here.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

1 HAMILTON AVENUE
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

April 8 - 1931

My dear Wood:-

Corinne and I had planned to go over to the show to morrow night, but Mrs. Crittenden (my wife's mother) passed out this morning early, so of course that puts an end to anything of that sort, as we are planning to have a private funeral Friday morning. I don't know whether I will get in Friday ~~night~~ afternoon or not

I enclose a clipping from a New York paper. When last in New York I forgot to get the date when the dreamship Central America was wrecked. I have written for it and will send it to you so

Room as it arrives.

Yours,

R. L. B.

Love to the family

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April 16,1931

Mr. Bauman L. Belden

1 Hamilton Avenue

Cranford, N.J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I have an old book I wish to find out about, and if I remember rightly you have a friend by the name of Bland who is in some old bookshop. Can you tell me who he is with and the address?

Trusting to see you soon,

Sincerely yours,

Howland Wood.

4/17/31

Harry M. Bland
c/o Robert Fridenburg
22 W. 56th Street
N.Y.

Circle 7 0688

May 27, 1931.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden
1 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, N. J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

The lithograph of the ship wreck came the day before yesterday and I wish to acknowledge its receipt. We are still at work going over your manuscript and preparing the illustrations. The delay in getting at this has been that we have been simply flooded with manuscripts for the past two months, a most unusual thing. I will drop a line to Mr. Bland thanking him for this lithograph.

It looks now as if we would have nice weather and I trust to see you some day before long. I will not be in Friday.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

June 4, 1931.

Mr. Bowman L. Belden
1 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, N. J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Your letter just at hand and I will incorporate the data about the artists. I am glad to get this.

For some time I have been working over and analyzing your manuscript. Certain things need tying together a little better and this I amdoing. I wish you would send me the data you have, that is, the dates that you gleaned from the mint records of the ordering, stating whether by the State Department or Treasury Department. Of the Wreckers and Shipwreck Medals, also the medals requested, I would like to arrive at, if possible, about how long these Medals were in use.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

June 15, 1931.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden
1 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, N. J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

A while ago you told me that you saw someone who had been presented with a "Shipwreck" medal, but on account of an emergency call he had to leave the office and never knew who presented it to him. Will you give me the name and address of this man; also did you see the Medal and what was the inscription upon it.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

With Bilbo
you have but hold
& Serbs [illegible]

Omund

Can you give the dates
of the wreck & the
wreck medals were
ordered

Ship wreck medal given
to whom. Have you
the inscription
Photo of the obverse of
shipping medal (engraved

June 27, 1931.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden
1 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I notice in looking over our photographs you did not include the "C. C. D." medal of the steamship "Republic," a photograph of which I am enclosing. Was it your desire to leave this out? I think the medal is in Smith's collection. Do you know whether we photographed the reverse side? All I have is this obverse.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Dear [illegible],

Your letter of [illegible] is at hand.

As to the medals you mention, not about "Constitution". If we can use them in obtaining photographs I think I can supply what is missing.

As to the medal from "Knight Smith" collection of which you sent me photograph: as nearly as I can make out this is a British medal and I consulted with E. E. about it and his opinion was the same as mine.

The enclosed Commemorative medal of the City of Richmond for thirty [illegible] (dated April 14-1765) belonging to Harvard University and which sent to me to be identified. Can you give me the approximate date and history of this [illegible]

inform me if there is any cable attached to the note.

I will write you again regarding the shipments and Webster's mistake as soon as I can get time to dig up what information I need. For the last week I have not been able to [illegible] on account of my wife's younger brother and his new wife having been with us. They left for Pennsylvania yesterday morning as I supposed I have not yet [illegible] to catch up.

Love to the family.

Yours,

B. L. B.

Rec. 2.8.13.

[illegible]

July 21, 1931.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden
1 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, N. J.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I have written letters to all of those names on the list I sent you and I am beginning to get replies, some affirmative and some negative. Will report later. I have gotten long documents from the Bureau of Mines concerning that medal but have not as yet read them. Probably that C.D medal was English; not having seen it for some years, I had forgotten about it.

The Roman coin is of the period of Constantius II, 323 to 361 A. D. and is worth but a few cents. It is the common type of coin of his reign. The Richmond thirty cent note, if in fine condition, might be worth, to a collector, twenty five to fifty cents, but in this condition I doubt if it would bring more than five cents.

I trust now that the company is gone you will have some time to yourself. We, down at the cottage, have had for the past three weeks three and four people.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Belden, Corinne C.

[Cranford, NJ]

1931-1937

CORINNE C. BELDEN
Cranford 6-0524

Belden-Collins Studio

formerly

The Studio Shop

1 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, New Jersey

D. W. COLLINS
Roselle 4-1998-J

Dear Howland,

Enclosed is a partial list of daddy's numismatic books and catalogs. [illegible] Noe's perusal in hopes that some of them might be salable. There are a good many more unbound pamphlets and catalogues of such a miscellaneous nature that they are hard to list.

Both mother and I would so like to be able to make these a gift to the society, and I know daddy would wish it, but we feel the need of selling anything possible to meet necessary expenses.

I have gotten together everything I could find of paper relating to numismatics and I wonder if you would be kind enough to look over them. [illegible] it possible to [illegible] the money after our Life Saving Memo. and possibly some other odds and ends of interest to the Society or myself. There is a great deal of stuff and I hate [illegible] be able to pick out some things you want. I also have a few coins and miniature decorations which I would like to sell if one [illegible] for a very little. There is nothing of value, [illegible]

Would it be possible for [illegible] and the "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] ? I am [illegible]

[illegible] to. There [illegible] that my attractive [illegible] John C. Hinden is [illegible] which should be an [illegible] !

If any other members could come out to visit at any time we should be most happy.

We are grateful to you and Elizabeth [illegible] for your [illegible] and hope [illegible] .

[illegible]

I have [illegible] some U.S. cents of the following dates 1857, 1864, 1871, 1863, 1873. Any treasures among them [illegible] !

December 2, 1931.

Miss Corinne C. Belden
1 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, New Jersey.

Dear Corinne:

I was most glad to hear from you and have been meaning to drop you a line, also meaning to get out to see you. I think it will be impossible for all of us to get out on any Sunday for some time to come and especially with the children. Possibly, Elizabeth and myself can come out some week day. At any rate, I will try to get out myself some time. I have simply been snowed under with various work that has come in. When I do get out, I will look over the coins and miniature decorations and then advise you the best way of disposing of them. I doubt if you have any treasures in the cents that you mention.

Now for the books. Most of the books would bring little. A few might bring worthwhile prices, if in good condition. The coin catalogues bound in one volume are only worth something when each lot has been priced, that is, what each lot brought.

There were several books that Mr. Belden had that belonged to the library. One is the Mayo and the other is the Tancred. These, possibly, have our bookplate in them. Also, the library has charged up against Mr. Belden several magazines of American History, which he borrowed at one time, also, the pamphlets relating to Indian Peace Medals.

The various sale catalogues, such as the Stickney Sale, are valuable if they have plates. The British Numismatic Journals are common and sell for about a dollar a volume. The Crosby, Early Coins of America, may be worth up to $25.00.

I am returning this list, as I may lose it, in the meantime. After looking these over, I probably would tell you the best think would be to have Elder sell them. I will really try to get out to see you soon.

Very truly yours,

H:JG

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Roselle 4-1998-J

Dear H[illegible]

Thank you [illegible] for your kind letter.

[illegible] that [illegible] can adjust my work very easily [illegible] borrowed books [illegible] bad shape for so long that it seemed impossible to him. [illegible]

[illegible] Wednesday [illegible]

[illegible] The Stickney catalogue has no plates, but the Warner, Pinckney, & Cooper are plates, and I think [illegible] some other [illegible] which I [illegible]

[illegible] when you come we also have the Book of the Museum of The [illegible] from R.W. Bingham, Curator. Among the plates is one of the Jackson Medal. The

[illegible] to protect [illegible]. There is no [illegible] in these - on the contrary [illegible] is in them.

[illegible] book [illegible] be of value [illegible] hope so. [illegible] child have a few letters from the [illegible] would not be returned. Perhaps [illegible] would like in so [illegible] to have [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible].

Hoping to see you and Elizabeth [illegible]

Sincerely,

We are not sending Christmas cards this year. Will you please convey best wishes along to any of the members you may see and convey [illegible] information on this?

C. O. P.

March 16, 1932.

Mrs. Corinne C. Belden
11 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Belden:

I am herewith enclosing a check for $33.50 for a few of the coins and medals that we have either sold or kept ourselves. I have sent the coins to an auction room out west where they will be sold in the course of a few months. The medals and the cabinets I will send to Elder's. This check is not the one that Mr. Roe spoke about in his letter to you yesterday.

Very truly yours,

HB:JG

Curator

1 HAMILTON AVENUE
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

March 17, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Your coins not with check inclosed for $33.00 has just been received.

Thank you very much and also for the trouble of sending coins to an auction room not long ago. Also for sending other things to Eddie.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Irving C. Belden.

May 24, 1932.

Mrs. Corinne C. Belden
1 Hamilton Avenue
Cranford, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Belden:

I am herewith enclosing a check for $58.80 which covers the proceeds from the sale of paper money, coins and medals sold by Bolender for $46.59, cash sales $4.71 and some pamphlets sold for $7.50. Under separate cover, I am sending you a catalogue of the pieces sold at the sale.

I have not heard anything about the Elder sale but Mr. Noe will acquaint you with that later.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

1 HAMILTON AVENUE
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

May 25, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Yours with check for $58.80/100 for arms & medals etc. sold by Bolender has just been received and am most grateful to all of you who have taken so much trouble in regard to disposing of Mr. Belden's things.

Thanking you

Most sincerely

(Mrs.) Emma B. Belden

MRS. CORINNE C. BELDEN - 1 HAMILTON AVENUE - CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

October 19-1937

Dear Homeland

How are you all? You still have not made that trip to see us. What Sunday or Saturday could you come?

We are having a hard pull financially. Our 1936 taxes are not paid and with the present income, there is no hope of doing anything about them. So the Crimme should get out and take a job that would enable mother to have someone here to help with patient and house, or else have another person who could pay twenty or twenty five

dollars a week for a home with some care.

I would prefer to give a few musical programs for clubs, etc. I played last march for the N.Y. Theatre Club at the Astor. Or, of course theatre or radio. But I would be grateful for a job connected with the museums or anything I could find. I have done a great many things besides music and theatre: library work, secretarial work (shorthand no good now) interior decorating (graduate of N.Y. School of I.D) Sales checking (Comparative shopping etc.). I could handle social secretary work.

If you know of anything or could send me to someone

MRS. CORINNE C. BELDEN - 1 HAMILTON AVENUE - CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

who might have some ideas on the subject, I would be very grateful.

Is Dr. Kuntz still at Tiffany's or has he retired? The young man who sent you a copy of Enako's book on silver went away for a theatre job, and gave up his job. Enako couldn't wait, though they liked him very much. I would like to introduce him at Tiffany's.

I may be in town next week to see if I can find some sort of opening. Perhaps I'll get up to see you, but I'm not sure.

We have some valuable California prints and Daguerreotypes which we would like to sell, also letters.

I appreciate all you have done for us and don't want to bother you too much - just a little! I hope you don't mind.

My kindest regards to our numismatic friends, and our love to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Corinne.

Oct. 28, 1937

Miss Corinne C. Belden,
1 Hamilton Avenue,
Cranford, N. J.

My dear Corinne:

I have just gotten back from being away for a number of days in Boston. Mrs. Smith told me that you called me up the other day. Naturally I was sorry not to have been here.

I hardly know what to say about coming out some Sunday as virtually every pleasant Sunday we go down to our place in Connecticut and spend weekends there. This we have been doing for the past several years or ever since we bought the place.

I am sorry to know that you have been having a hard time. We here are still going along on our usual limited funds. We have more than enough work to keep everyone busy but we do not have the funds for extra help.

I am really at a loss to even give you a hint as to whether you could find anything as we up here are sort of isolated and do not hear very often of openings. I don't know what class of agency you could go to. I would not suggest a regular commercial agency, but there are other kinds.

Dr. Kunz died several years ago.

Why don't you send the young man that did work for Ensko over to the Brooklyn Museum on Eastern Parkway. They are doing a great deal on American silver at the present time.

As for your prints, you might try the Old Print ~~Shop~~ Exchange, 11 E. 48th St., who are the largest buyers and sellers of old prints in America. Then there is the Old Print Shop at 150 Lexington, which is well known.

If I do hear of anything, I will let you know.

Sincerely yours,

Curator

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